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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Valve**

The specification of which:

X is attached hereto.

— was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application No. or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(if applicable)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

**PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d), (f), and 365(a) and (b))**

I/we hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(a) and (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application of which priority is claimed.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING DAY, MONTH, YEAR	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 U.S.C. SECTION 119
DE	103 59 852.9	19/12/2003	yes
PCT	PCT/EP2004/013711	02/12/2004	yes

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## DECLARATION

I/ we hereby declare that all statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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